



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:03 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Anna Albi, President Pro Tempore
Victoria Parks, Councilmember Seth Walsh,
Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele
Kearney, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding,
Councilmember Meeka Owens, Councilmember Evan
Nolan, and Councilmember Mark Jeffreys

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner
and Acting Clerk of Council Anthony Covington.

Councilmember Jeffreys was absent from today's Council meeting.

**Council observed a moment of silent prayer and recited the Pledge of
Allegiance to the Flag.**

**There being no objection, the Minutes of the previous session of council
were Approved and Filed.**

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MAYOR AFTAB

MS. KEARNEY

MS. PARKS

MS. ALBI

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. JOHNSON

MS. OWENS

MR. NOLAN

MR. WALSH

1. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, Mayor Aftab Pureval, and Councilmembers Parks, Albi, Cramerding, Jeffreys, Johnson, Owens, Nolan and Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, [202501944](#)
RECOGNIZING Melissa Autry and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for Ms. Autry's leadership and dedicated service to the City.

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0062-2025

MS. KEARNEY

MS. PARKS

MS. ALBI

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. JEFFREYS

MS. OWENS

MR. NOLAN

MR. WALSH

2. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney and Councilmembers Parks, Albi, Cramerding, Jeffreys, Nolan, Owens and Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, [202501950](#)
EXPRESSING the concern of the Mayor and Council for the freeze on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) benefits due to the federal government shutdown; and **URGING** the Ohio State Legislature and Governor Mike DeWine to unlock state resources to address the lack of federal funding for food benefits for the month of November.

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0063-2025

CITY MANAGER

- 3. REPORT**, dated 10/29/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Cousin Jeffrey Honky Tonk LLC, DBA Cousin Jeffrey's Honky Tonk, 2404-06 Spring Grove Avenue. (#10005467-1, TRFO/New, D1 D2 D3 D3A) [Objections: None] [202501883](#)

Filed

- 4. REPORT**, dated 10/29/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Staggeron Inn LTD, DBA Wein Und Stein, 6344 Gracely Drive. (#10004176-1, New, D5J) [Objections: Yes] [202501884](#)

Filed

- 5. REPORT**, dated 10/29/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for The Sip on Dale Corp, 4930 Reading Road. (#10006325-1, TFOL, D1 D2 D3) [Objections: None] [202501897](#)

Filed

- 6. REPORT**, dated 10/29/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Pioneer Hospitality, DBA Mecca OTR, 1429 Walnut Street. (#06934180-2, TRFO, D5J) [Objections: Yes] [202501899](#)

Filed

- 7. REPORT**, dated 10/29/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Emerald Miles 5K Run/Walk 2026. [202501917](#)

Filed

- 8. REPORT**, dated 10/29/2025, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Downtown [202501918](#)

Dazzle's.

Filed

9. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/29/2025, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 982x248x262408, "Parking Facility Safety Improvements," to provide resources for safety improvements at City-owned parking garages and lots; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$400,000 from the Parking System Facilities Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 102x3443, "Reserve for Parking Structural Maintenance & Repair," to the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$400,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 982x248x262408, "Parking Facility Safety Improvements."

[202501921](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

10. **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/29/2025, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262322, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 STBG PID 115756," to provide resources for a two-mile long Complete Street along Gilbert Avenue, beginning at Court Street and ending at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, including but not limited to intersection and traffic signal improvements, bus stop improvements, shortened crosswalks, and protected bike lanes; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$8,800,000 for a Surface Transportation Block Grant (ALN 20.205) awarded by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262322, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 STBG PID 115756"; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262322, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 STBG PID 115756"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements and do all things necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

[202501922](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

11. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/29/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate proceeds of \$3,238,784.59 from the FY 2026 sale of renewable energy certificates ("RECs") as follows: \$647,756.92 to General Fund 050, \$1,198,350.30 to Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati Fund 701, and \$1,392,677.37 to Water Works Fund 101; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the REC proceeds as follows: \$647,756.92 into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8962, \$1,198,350.30 into Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati Fund revenue account no. 701x8962, and \$1,392,677.37 into Water Works Fund revenue account no. 101x8962; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$647,756.92 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Revolving Energy Loan Fund

[202501923](#)

883 so that the resources may be reinvested into other City energy projects.

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/29/2025, **DECLARING** that the City's expenditures from Department of Community and Economic Development General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 for Main Street Small Business Support Programming serve a public purpose because the small business operating support will foster local improvements and investments and increase neighborhood vitality in Over-the-Rhine. [202501924](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 13. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/29/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Water Service Agreement between the City of Cincinnati and the City of Fairfield, Ohio, for the continued sale of standby water to the City of Fairfield. [202501926](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 14. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/29/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute the Seventh Amendment to the Butler County Water Area Contract to extend the term of the current agreement whereby the City of Cincinnati, through its Greater Cincinnati Water Works, provides surplus water to Butler County for wholesale and retail use. [202501927](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 15. REPORT**, dated 10/29/2025 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for D Wilkins Holdings LLC, DBA In Between Tavern, 307 Sycamore Street 1st Fl & Patio. (#10005715-1, TRFO, D1 D2 D3 D6) [Objections: Yes] [202501948](#)

Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 16. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration prepare a report within the next 30 days stating the findings of the 4 engagements sessions that have occurred from June 27th, July 29th, August 26th, and September 30th regarding the ideation of a Building Performance Standards Policy for the City of Cincinnati. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) [202501915](#)

Adopted

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys

- 17. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/22/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement with Signature Flight Support, LLC., pursuant to which the City will enter into a new lease for the use and occupancy of Lunken Airport Lease Area 4 for up to thirty-five years.

[202501902](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0338-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0338-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0338-2025

- 18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/22/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement with Signature Flight Support, LLC., pursuant to which the City will enter into a new lease for the use and occupancy of Lunken Airport Lease Area 30 for up to thirty-five years.

[202501903](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0339-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0339-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0339-2025

- 19. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/22/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement with Signature Flight Support, LLC., pursuant to which the City will enter into a new lease for the use and occupancy of Lunken Airport Lease Area 40 for up to thirty-five years.

[202501904](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0340-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0340-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0340-2025

- 20. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/22/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a funding agreement with the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority ("the Port") to provide one-time operational support to expand the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("OEPA") Voluntary Action Program Urban Setting Designation ("VAP USD") in Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to expend up to \$116,400 of existing resources from Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 to provide one-time operational support to the Port for the expansion of the OEPA VAP USD in Cincinnati; and **DECLARING** such expenditure to serve a public purpose by promoting brownfield revitalization in Cincinnati.

[202501906](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0341-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0341-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0341-2025

- 21. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/22/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$500,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (ALN 15.916) awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to provide resources for improvements at Owl's Nest Park.

[202501907](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0342-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0342-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0342-2025

- 22. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/22/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$73,685 from the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") Airport Improvement Grant program to aid in the development of the Lunken Airport drainage infrastructure plan; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant funds into General Government Grants Fund revenue account no. 404x8534, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. 26DRN1, "Ohio Airport Improvement Grant 2026"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete this project.

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Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0343-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0343-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0343-2025

- 23. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/22/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Second Amendment to Funding and Development Agreement with CCA Union Central LLC, pertaining to the redevelopment of the Central Trust Tower located at 1-9 W. Fourth Street in the Downtown neighborhood of Cincinnati (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>).

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[<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business%3e\).>](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business%3e).>)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0344-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0344-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0344-2025

- 24. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/22/2025, **DEDICATING, ACCEPTING, AND CONFIRMING** the dedication to public use of an approximately 0.101-acre tract of real property as a portion of Vandalia Avenue, a public right-of-way for street

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purposes in the Northside neighborhood of Cincinnati.

Passed

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0345-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0345-2025

- 25. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/27/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Master Lease and Management Agreement with 3CDC Master Parking LLC, executed on December 18, 2019, to incorporate the parking garages owned by the City and located on the northeast corner of Court St., in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, and at 407 Race St., in the Central Business District of Cincinnati, along with garages to be acquired by the City located at 5 Mercer St., in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, and 50 W Fifth St., in the Central Business District of the City of Cincinnati, into the Master Lease structure established therein; and to execute other real estate documents relating to the acquisition and lease of such parking garages. (Subject to the Temporary Prohibition List <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>). <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business%3e>>.)

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Passed Emergency

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0346-2025

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0346-2025

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Councilmember Albi
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Johnson
Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Nolan

Absent: Councilmember Jeffreys
Enactment No: 0346-2025

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:44 P.M.